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In re Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR MEASURING FREE)
LIGANDS IN BIOLOGICAL
FLUIDS, AND ASSAY KITS
FOR MEASURING SAME

Group Art Unit: 1641

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of February 4, 1999.

In the Specification, please make the following changes.

Before the "Background Of The Invention" at the top of page 2, insert,

"This application is a Continuation of Patent Application Serial Number 07/303,712, filed January 27, 1989, now abandoned, which is a Divisional Application of Patent Application Serial